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Motor Fuel Quality Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program

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The Weights and Measures Bureau of the Department of Agriculture Mission Statement is to improve the accuracy of measurements, enhance consumer protection, promote fair competition, and facilitate economic growth and trade.

Weights and Measures Bureau has:

- 7 gas pump inspectors
- 2 scale inspectors

Weights and Measures Bureau inspects:

- 2,700 truck scales
- 34,000 pumps at retail locations
- 11,000 counter scales
- Other scales that are inspected include hopper, railroad, livestock and platform.

2006 - HF 2759, Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund

Sec. 22. MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated From the renewable fuel infrastructure fund as created in Section 15G.119, as enacted in this Act, to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning **July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2008,** the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

\$ 300,000 x 2 = \$600,000
FTEs 3.00

The department shall establish and administer programs for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel, including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

The \$600,000 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture is currently being used as follows:

- 5 Petrospec fuel analyzers
- 1 diesel analyzer
- Vehicles for new inspectors who will start on September 21, 2007
- Testing and calibrating equipment installed on the all vehicles necessary for testing and analysis
- Salary and benefits
- Lab fees paid to Magellan and Keystone labs for fuel analysis
- Shipping costs for sending samples to labs for fuel analysis
- Total: \$284,000

The remaining \$316,000 appropriated will be used to:

- Hire 2 new motor fuel inspectors (including salaries, benefits and expenses) two employees have been offered and accepted positions.
- 5 additional Petrospec fuel analyzing units
- Costs incurred for increasing the accuracy of the Petrospec analyzers
- Additional costs for lab fees and shipping costs for fuel analysis – as the program grows the lab costs for sending samples will increase dramatically.